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Letter dated 26 October 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a joint statement issued on 21 October 1994 after the working group meeting held in Ankara between the Foreign Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Turkey.

I would be grateful if you could have this statement circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 39, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Inal BATU
Permanent Representative

Annex

Joint statement by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Turkey dated 21 October 1994

The Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Turkey and Bosnia and Herzegovina held a working group meeting in Ankara on 20 October 1994 on the occasion of the visit of the Bosnian Minister to attend the international conference on Bosnia and Herzegovina organized by the Municipality of Ankara.

The two Ministers reviewed the latest situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina and exchanged views on recent developments. They called on all the parties involved in the peace plan, which is accepted by the Bosniacs and Bosnian Croats, to secure its implementation by undertaking effective measures to bring about the acceptance of the plan by the Bosnian Serbs.

The Bosnian Minister noted the special role Turkey can play in its capacity as a member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, as a member of the Organization of the Islamic Conference Contact Group and as a troop-contributing country to the United Nations Protection Force in Bosnia and Herzegovina and expressed the wish of his Government for Turkey's active participation in the peace process.

The two Ministers also expressed their desire to continue with their trilateral meetings with the Republic of Croatia with a view to contributing further to the strengthening of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina which, they recalled, is also open to the participation of the Bosnian Serbs.